

**571—12.4(455A) Definitions.**

*“Board”* means the resource enhancement and protection (REAP) conservation education program board.

*“Conservation education programs”* means programs developed for formal (K-12 students), nonformal (preschool, adult and continuing education) and higher education (postsecondary and adult) programs, within the subject areas of natural resource conservation and environmental protection.

*“Department”* means the department of natural resources.

*“Director”* means the director of the department of natural resources.

*“Educator”* means any person who teaches environmental/conservation education. This may apply to certified teachers, governmental or private naturalists or education specialists, or others so determined by the board.

*“Environmental/conservation education materials”* means materials that are developed or produced that provide knowledge, skills, processes and strategies that enhance Iowa citizens’ understanding of natural resources conservation and environmental issues.

*“Stipends for Iowa educators who participate in innovative conservation education programs”* may include tuition cost, acceptable food and lodging costs, substitute teacher costs, mileage expenses or separate allowances when applicable for educators to attend board-approved environmental/conservation education workshops, in-service programs and conferences, and other costs as approved by the board.